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Sen. Van Woerkom reading to Pentwater Elementary students

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Who: State Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores.

What: Sen. Van Woerkom will be reading to students at Pentwater Elementary

School as part of Reading Month.

When: Friday, March 17

1:15 to 1:45 p.m.

Where: Pentwater Elementary

600 E. Park St. Pentwater.

Briefing: In honor of Reading Month, Sen. Van Woerkom will be reading to

elementary schools across the 34th Senate District throughout March.

Every year, school children throughout Michigan celebrate "March is Reading Month." The purpose is to highlight reading as a fun activity that

children and parents can do together, while promoting literacy.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, approximately 40 percent of students across the nation cannot read at a basic level. Learning to read and the promotion of reading needs to start at an early age and continue

throughout life.

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